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## Political groups ready for election

Democrats, Republicans plan last campaign efforts

Will York

One week ahead of next Tuesday's mid-term election, College Democrats and Republicans are ramping up their already vigorous campaigns.

Both parties are working most enthusiastically in efforts to tip the neck-and-neck Tennessee U.S. Senate race in their favor. Democratic Rep. Harold Ford Jr. is in a tight race with Republican former Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker.

"The big race we're focusing on right now is the (U.S. Senate race)," said Jacob Shorter, president of UTM College Republicans. "I'm feeling much better about that race now than in the past few weeks. In the end, I feel we'll pull it off."

College Democrats President Chris Bell agreed the U.S. Senate race is consuming most of his organization's time too.

"We're really working hard to support Ford," Bell said. "We're cautiously



optimistic about the Senate race. The polls have been running within the margin of error."

This week, Republicans plan to perform phone banking in Weakley County. They will be calling local registered Republicans and urging them to vote Nov. 7. Additionally, College Republicans will man



a table outside the UC reminding students to vote and will perform door-to-door canvassing in dorms.

Bell said College Democrats will make a literature drop in dorms before Tuesday's election, as well as attend a rally in Memphis headlined by former President Bill Clinton and Senate candidate

Harold Ford Jr.

For Republicans, national security, family values and the benefits of tax cuts have been the primary talking points among UTM students, Shorter said.

Bell said College Democrats have been stressing the bungled war in Iraq, tax cuts "for the rich" and college affordability.

Shorter said the Amendment 1 ballot initiative, which would, if passed, finalize a state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, would help Republican voter turnout.

But Bell said he does not think the ballot initiative will hurt the Democrats' chances of winning the Senate race.

"There's not a single Democrat running around here who supports gay marriage," Bell said. "We think things like the minimum wage and repealing these tax cuts for the rich are bigger issues than gay marriage."

## Union City Goodyear workers still on strike; Texas plant closes

Jon-Michael St. Amant

Four weeks into their strike against Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., United Steelworkers has yet to reach a resolution in ongoing contract negotiations, affecting 2,250 Goodyear employees at their Union City, Tenn. plant.

The USW workers of Union City joined the efforts of the national union by striking alongside the greater part of 15,000 other workers across the United States and Canada. The strike was called nationwide to protest the closing of two plants in Tyler, Texas and Gadsden, Ala. However, as of yesterday, Goodyear closed down the Tyler, Texas plant despite the efforts of the ongoing strike.

Union leader Glen Carter, Union City resident, feels confident that the union workers will pull through.

"We are sticking pretty tight out here. No one has quit, and only a few people have retired who were already planning on retiring," said Carter.

Tim Moore, USW member and employee at the Union City plant, paints a different story.



Goodyear United Steel Workers union members continue their strike into the fourth week as negotiations continue.

"Morale here with the employees is pretty low," Moore said, who feels uninformed and disillusioned by the USW union.

"I have called the union hall and also went down there and they have pretty much kept me in the dark, but they have got guys out here striking. They need to do something."

Union City USW members are walking picket lines at the three

— See 'Strike' on Page 12



## Students trapped in elevator, but OK

Bessie Cherry

According to UTM Director of Physical Plant, Tim Nipp, a minor maintenance repair problem is to blame for last Tuesday's power surge that left several UTM students trapped for almost 20 minutes on an elevator in the Humanities Building.

Nipp said that Thompson Power, a power repair company out of Memphis, was repairing a reclosure switch to the UTM power facility when repair workers ran into mechanical difficulties, causing the entire city of Martin to lose power as well as UTM, which caused the Humanities handicapped elevator to stop between floors.

Nipp said normally the generators would have kicked-on within two minutes of the outage; however the generators had been shut off prior to the repair

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## Pulitzer-winning author and historian to speak Thursday at UTM

Staff Reports

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy will speak at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 2, in Watkins Auditorium of the UC.

"Tom Brokaw immortalized the generation which was raised in the Depression and fought the Second World War as the 'Greatest Generation,'" said Dr. Dan McDonough, UTM Honors Programs director. "In his recent Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945*, David Kennedy explains how these men and women surmounted

the catastrophic events they faced to triumph over fear and earn their place as the 'greatest generation.'"

The 858-page book, 11 years in the writing, is a comprehensive history of the Great Depression, the New Deal and World War II. It is the fourth volume in an Oxford University Press series of American history.

A native of Seattle, Kennedy received his bachelor of arts degree



Kennedy

from Stanford University and a master of arts degree and doctorate from Yale University. He has taught at Stanford University since 1967 and is currently the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History. In addition to his service at Stanford, Kennedy has held visiting professorships at several prominent universities, including the University of Florence and Oxford University.

His numerous books and articles have been honored with several important awards. His first book, *Birth Control in America: The Career of Margaret Sanger*, received the Bancroft Prize

in 1971, while "Over Here: The First World War and American Society" (1980) was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. His most prominent book, *Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945* (1999), received both the Pulitzer and Francis Parkman Prizes.

The Pulitzer Prize is the highest award for print journalism and literary achievements.

With a style that beautifully and masterfully interweaves the political, social, economic and cultural forces of the time, Kennedy has written some of the best histories of the American

## Senate balance hinges on Tennessee

Will York

While student groups are feverishly campaigning in efforts to edge their political opponents on Nov. 7, Democrats and Republicans are both looking to Tennessee as a proving ground for the future of the U.S. Senate.

Both parties are pouring financial and human resources into Tennessee, along with battleground states Missouri, New Jersey and Virginia, to try to tip the Senate's balance of power.

Polling data show Republicans are likely to lose several seats in the Senate, but just how many could be a matter of 11th-hour ad buys and get-out-the-vote initiatives.

In Tennessee, where former Republican Mayor Bob Corker and Democratic Rep. Harold Ford Jr. are vying for the seat vacated by retiring Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., polls show a statistical dead heat.

Republicans are hoping Tennessee's same-sex marriage amendment will energize their base to vote for Corker, but Democrats hang their hopes on a general attitude of distrust for the Republican-dominated Congress and President George W. Bush.

Recent polls show an exact tie in the Missouri Senate race, where Democrat Claire McCaskill is seeking to unseat incumbent Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo.

Turnout in Missouri could hinge on a ballot initiative that would ban embryonic stem cell research.

In Virginia, Democrat Jim Williams is in another statistical tie with incumbent Sen. George Allen.

Sen. Bob Menendez, N.J., is the only Democratic incumbent at significant risk of being unseated in the Nov. 7 elections; he is tied in polls with Republican challenger Tom Kean.

Democrats need to win three of the four battleground states to win control of the Senate.

While control of the Senate remains uncertain, many project Democrats to regain control of the House.

In Tennessee, Gov. Phil Bredesen continues to enjoy a double-digit lead over Republican challenger Jim Bryson.

people during the 20th century and the period of the world wars.

Kennedy has authored several books on the John F. Kennedy era and case studies in American leadership.

Kennedy is also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is the author of *The American Pageant*, a popular collegiate American history textbook.

His visit will be co-sponsored by UTM Honors Programs, the Vertical Immersion Project and the Department of History and Philosophy. The presentation is free and open to the public.



Our View

Editorial:  
Everyone should exercise  
their voting rights on Nov. 6

Elections are a little over a week away and many candidates are desperate to gain as many votes at the last minutes as possible.

The Pacer staff has been following each election closely, because we're journalists and that's our jobs. But even if we weren't journalists, we like to make informed decision on issues that can shape our lives for the next 2-6 years.

We urge students to go vote, but we stress that you must know the issues that you're voting about. Nothing is worse than a person deciding our future that doesn't have a clue about what's been discussed and debated until he walks into the voting booth.

Students must realize they have the opportunity to make a real difference in the future of Tennessee and America. People like the reiterate time and time again that we, as young

Americans, are the future of America. They're right.

At The Pacer, we've tried to publish stories about local candidates that matter to students. We can't physically walk you into the voting booth and hold your hand while you vote, but we can insure that students who read The Pacer will be more informed if or when they do vote.

We are the future. It's our right to vote, and people should exercise that right to the fullest extent. If you don't vote, you have no room to complain if the government goes down the tubes in the coming years.

On November 6, The Pacer will add a page to our Online Edition devoted to election results. We will report results from local, state and national elections. Please check out our web page for results to issues and elections that matter to you.

From all of us at The Pacer: GO VOTE!

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tell and show  
politicians  
how we  
really feel

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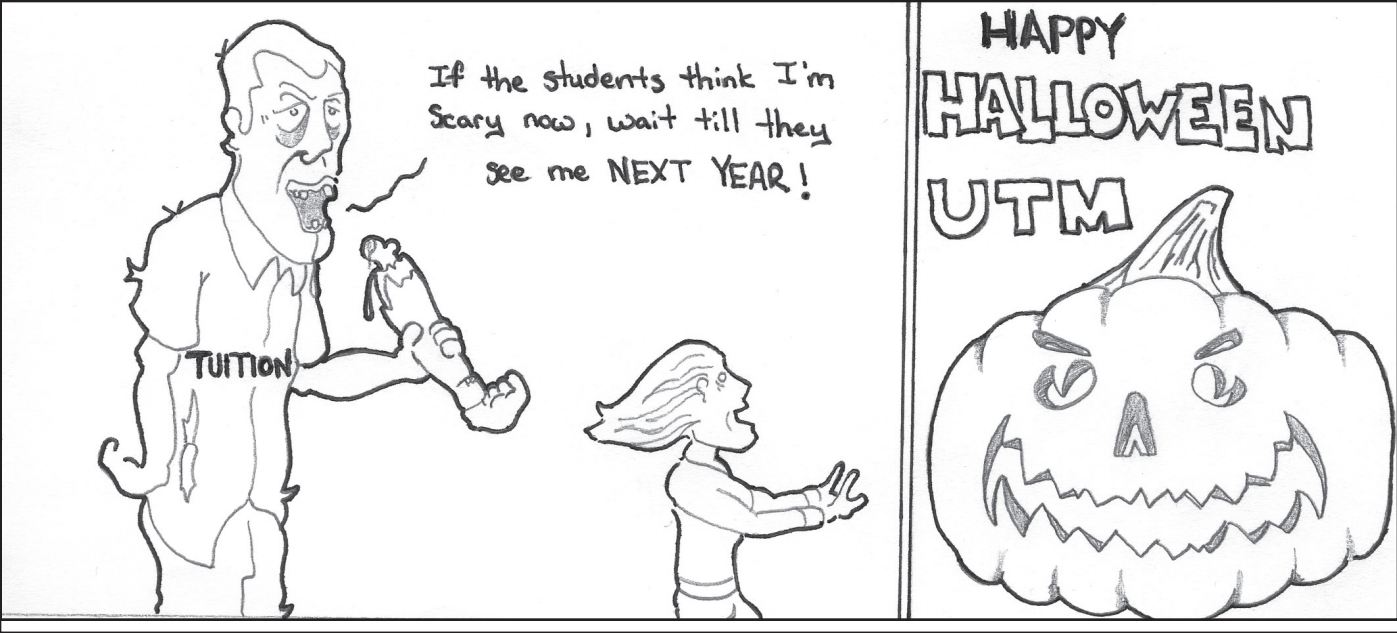
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Letters to the Editor

Cross Country want their  
space, time in newspaper

Ok, since being here at Martin I have seen that the Cross Country team is getting the shaft on articles in the Pacer. I'm tired of opening the Pacer and seeing no article about the XC team. The guys and girls on the team work very, very hard week in and week out and we don't get any recognition. Coming up soon is the OVC championships and I wouldn't be surprised if yall didn't write about it either. Please prove me wrong!

Paul Thames  
Athletic Training  
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Concert not a matter of  
separation of church, state

I keep hearing everyone complain about how UTM crossed the bounds of seperation of church and state. It is a fact that UTM is a governmently funded university. It is also a fact that the SAC is a council made up of students. The SAC made a choice based on what they were hearing from the students. When a group of students comes up and talks to someone about a certain band its going to catch their attention. Also, this band has been on the posters around school for sometime now. Why is it that it takes someone else to say after the fact that hey they were a Christian band and it creates an issue. May students went to the concert and enjoyed it up unto the point that they found out that the band was a Chrisian band? It seems to me that the issue here is not a matter of the seperation of church and state but a matter of people either not paying attention to whats going on it took two minutes to search SonicFlood and see they are Christian or just ignorance from saying that because they are a Christian band we shouldn't like them.

Daniel Hay  
Criminal Justice  
Crockett County

Constitution guarantees  
SonicFlood concert at UTM

It is sad for me to read articles such as "Christian Band Sparks Conflict" by Jay Baker, and see the level of misinformation or rather lack of education in senior level students at UTM. I recognize that Kevin Bay has probably never had a course in understanding the Constitution of the United States of America and his shortcomings on the subject may be blamed on his own complacency, but UTM (and any school he attended as a child) should bear at least some of the blame. How does a person get through 18 years of education without attaining a basic grasp on one of the fundamental documents of our nation? Is the Constitution irrelevant? It can't be irrelevant since he decided to quote the 1st Amendment (however inappropriate it was) in support of his opposition to the Student Activities Council's sponsorship of a Christian band playing on campus. When will America go back to educating its students on important issues as opposed to just making sure they get through school as painlessly as possible?

Mr.Bay:It'syourresponsibility to cultivate an understanding of such important topics. The education system has failed you.

Joe Dowell  
English  
Jackson

America needs principles  
that promote good actions

You called them bible beaters that shouldn't wear polyester/cotton blends. Come on, let's get an understanding of the scriptures before we quote them. Let's not address the wearing of blends or the eating of pork, but let's deal with the issue at hand, the way we are living. America, is "a nation laden with iniquity, that has gone away backwards"

So do America not stand for Godly princi-

ples anymore?"In God we trust" is what I recall being printed on the thing people love most, money. So why do Americans disregard what God has founded and ordained;marriage as a holy union between a man and a women? Why is His creation so bold to talk back to God, the creator?

The world has gotten so far from what is right, and it is excepted in today's society.That's why people can write articles stating that they are free to do as they chose with no fear of God's judgment."Right is right even if everyone against it and wrong is wrong even if everyone for it".

God has always required holiness. Lev 19:2; 1 Pet1:16 "The righteousness of God is in the land of forgetfulness." If God meant for men to be with men and vice versa it would have been made clear long ago ( please do not use Johnathan and David's friendship as justifiable grounds for engaging in homosexuality).

Man is trying to change God's constitution, for their own unholy liberties. We should consider our actions b/c there is a just recompense of reward. Heb2:2 Woe to them that call evil good and and good evil. Isa 5:20 We need to consider what we claim to be founded on, God's principles, instead of man's principle allowing freedom for everyone to do wrong as they please.

SonicFlood is a part of  
freedom of religion, also

Religion is merely a set of beliefs and values. Many secular bands sing about values that one may not agree with as well. Why then are they not critized for promoting their viewpoint on relationships , sex , life etc? - their religion so to speak.

Why is it okay to keep only organized religion segregated yet pay no heed to the subtle( and not so subtle) religions or phi-

losophies being thrown around in modern music, movies and media?

It's a diverse country and religious diversity should be honored . However, bottom line \_ it is still a predominantly Chrisitan community in Tennesse( and in America too actually) and no harm in respecting that and offering entertainment that suits the majority...not just the minority.

No one is forced to come and you can't please all the people all the time. So to those up in arms get over it. You'll not always have everything just as you want it. Let the main stream do there thing as they should let you do your thing.

Theresa Spidalieri  
University Studies  
Branford, Ct

If students dislike concert,  
they shouldn't attend

Here is another point of view about the concert last Monday night. I absolutely enjoyed the concert and really got a blessing out of it. As you might have guessed, I am a devout Christian and proud of it. I go to Moores Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Greenfield, TN where I also live. I am here to say that if the man that attended the concert had a problem with it then he simply shouldn't have gone. No one twisted his arm to go to the concert. I know this school is non-prejudice about what students attend here and that we are supposed to be open minded, but I have to say that it didn't hurt anyone from the students supporting this SonicFlood concert. I had a good time and showed a new Christian how to have good clean fun. I hope that the next one we have, that this man that had the problem with it will get a blessing and a maybe even completely change his perspective on life and Christianity.

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# Loss of marriage rights for gay Americans is a civil matter

I am submitting this letter in response to the editorial entitled "America: home of the free, unless you're gay" written by Christian Ashlar which can be found on page 2 in Volume 79 Issue No. 8 of The Pacer dated Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

The author, I must agree, is correct. It is great to be a man in this country. Though, I'm sure that by 16 we have been more than educated on the finer points of puberty, or as Mr. Ashlar calls it: "what has gone crazy with our bodies." I hope that we are all mature enough at this level of our education to use words such as 'puberty,' but the point of this letter is not to 'nit-pick'-if you will--over the author's mechanical and grammatical errors (though they are definitely present in the piece), but to challenge some of his statements.

At 18, we do sign papers regarding the Selective Service System, and though they do register us for the

draft, this does not necessarily mean that we are to be inducted into the armed forces in a combat role. The draft is not only used for war-time, but also during any national emergency needing more than just the armed forces, National Guard, and its reserve. If it were to staff the military during a war, anyone disagreeing with that war we are fighting (I am referencing the statement first seen in the first full paragraph "...we sign papers that says the government can put a gun in our hand, send us wherever and order us to destroy our enemies.") can be re-assigned to a non-combat role upon request. For a full run-down of the Selective Draft Laws look up Public No. 12, 65th Congress, c. 15, 40 Stat. 76. Also, to finish out the parts making reference to the military, though homosexuals are not allowed in the military, some are there, and no one has harmed them. One may

claim this as untrue, but surely a complaint would have been filed. Hazing is not tolerated in any way, shape, or form toward any race, nationality, or persons of an alternate lifestyle in the United States Armed Forces.

The author claims in paragraph 7 that as a gay man "...your civil rights disappear almost completely." Amendment XIV of the Constitution of the United States states that, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." In short, everyone's civil rights are guaranteed and are equally undeniable to all citizens of this country. Thus, the loss of a gay man's civil rights is nothing more than a figment of his imagination.



John Johnson  
Guest Columnist

tion. Perhaps there is discrimination being aimed at you, but it is unlawful, and you should file a complaint immediately, not claim that you have lost your civil rights.

As far as being "different" as the author put it, yes, being gay is most definitely different from the large majority of Americans, therefore, you are "different," "unique," or whatever word synonymous with the two aforementioned makes you happy. Also, what "blanket of security and legitimacy" is provided by marriage other than being lawfully committed to one person the rest of your life and being forced (unless there is a prenuptial agreement) to give up half of your belongings in the

event of divorce? Can this "blanket" really exist when there is a 50 % divorce rate in the U.S.? Is it the fact that gays want spousal insurance benefits for their partners? That isn't something the government can regulate. Even if gay marriage is made legal in Tennessee and elsewhere, insurance companies are in no way legally obligated to give you and your partner a policy. You may then argue that this is discrimination, but a company can refuse service to anyone they choose, why should homosexuals be any different?

Mr. Ashlar uses the term "Bible-Beater" when he addresses, I am assuming, Christians (who oppose gay marriage), informing us that "now's the part when you throw the Bible at me and begin to rant!" I find the term "Bible-Beater" incredibly distasteful and also very offensive. I don't recall seeing publications in which words like "Fag," have been used to address

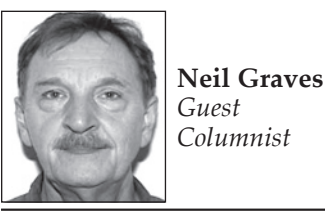
or label the gay community, so why use this term to define those who believe in God, His Son, and the Grace and Love of both? Surely my beliefs afford more respect than that term. The author then begins to portray the "Bible-Beaters" as hypocrites in paragraph 13. Well, as a Gentile (non-Jewish believer) I do not observe these laws, so it would have been a good way to discredit those you apparently view as adversaries, had they been Jewish. However, since the author seems to love using Bible verses in his compositions, I believe I will place one in mine: "Do not lie with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable." Leviticus 18:22. Hop on into the Pool of Hypocrisy, Mr. Ashlar, the water's just fine. You're right, that mirror would be more useful, wouldn't it?

# Amendment one demoralizes gays across America

# Everyone you meet is a living library and their story can enrich, change your life

As many readers know, we Tennesseans will vote November 7 on Amendment 1 to the state constitution, an amendment worded so as to deny legal marriage rights to same-sex couples and to outlaw recognition of such marriages if they occur elsewhere. If this amendment passes, discrimination against a particular group of citizens will be even more deeply chiseled into Tennessee law than it is now.

The implications of this vote are serious, especially because denying anyone the right to marry a chosen partner has real, bottom-line consequences. Matrimony confers literally hundreds of legal privileges, including personal and economic benefits that affect tax rates, insurance, property rights, social security, inheritance, and definitions of family and kinship.



Neil Graves  
Guest Columnist

status quo. Historically, equal treatment and social justice have won out in our society, but only after heated opposition to change has spent its course. (Ask Southern blacks. Ask American women.) Whatever the outcome this November in Tennessee, we can thus be confident that enlightened views toward same-sex unions will prevail.

Current movements in Scandinavia, Canada, Great Britain, Spain (of all places), and a number of other states in our Union--including, most recently, New Jersey--show how quickly the world is coming to accept a broadened definition of family. Very soon, no doubt, we Tennesseans will look back and wonder how we could have seriously considered branding yet another minority group as unfit for marriage, incapable of shaping their own lives and sharing equitably in the patterns of personal initiative that have always energized our collective prosperity.

A vote for Amendment 1 is not just a vote to marginalize an already marginal group of relatives and friends in Tennessee. It is a calculated slap in the face of every gay and lesbian person anywhere in the world.

Thomas Harris released "Hannibal Rising," the fourth installment in the Hannibal Lector series; Nigel Cox, a New Zealand novelist died on June 28; Orhan Pamuk received the Nobel Prize in Literature, the spacecraft called "New Horizons" left the solar system in January, Roger Cornberg received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, our lackluster leader called for a federal ban on marriages deemed "unworthy" while in the Czech Republic, the Bill on Civil Unions went into effect, Lula Mae Hardaway passed away in May as did Masumi Okada, and finally, J.K. Rowling revealed two characters would die in the seventh installment of her "Harry Potter" series.

*What do all of these things have to do with me,* I know you're asking yourself. That very thought is at the center of this column because I was asking myself these same questions last year. The events that I have listed are things that have happened in the course of this year and most have received only a back-page notice in some paper. For the most part, these things don't impact our daily lives unless you might be related to Roger Cornberg, Orhan Pamuk or Masumi Okada.

It isn't until an event like the passing of Miss Lula Mae Hardaway impacts us directly that we take an active role in history. Who is Miss Hardaway? She was connected to someone we all have at least heard of but to the casual passer-by, she was nobody. She was a person who blended into our collective woodwork much like many of the people we interact with on a daily basis here at school.

We walk by so many people on a regular day that it's difficult to take



Christian Ashlar  
Staff Columnist

them all in. Faces of handsome guys, pretty girls, exotic people with different dress or manner of speech, and teachers we may/may not have had in class bombard us almost every day of our scholastic lives and it truly is impossible to know them all. What about your roommate, your adviser, the girl sitting next to you in class or the guy you see sitting on the bench outside of Humanities every day? What stories do they have to tell you; should you stop and talk to them?

Did you ever think that every person that you see is a walking library of experiences and knowledge that you could just "check out" if you took an extra moment out of your day to do so? Imagine the stories Nigel Cox could tell you if you had the chance to chat with him? Think of the stories that Dr. Neil Graves could tell you if you stopped in on a particularly slow afternoon and just asked him about them.

Every person reads like the list at the beginning of this column. Every person that we encounter on a daily basis has some sort of history, some event that shaped them into the person they are and almost every person would be willing to share with you if you showed a genuine interest. Every person walking around on campus is a walking library filled to the brim with interesting facts and knowledge that you could access if you just wanted to take a chance.

It is my belief that this sort of con-

nection is the very thing missing in the "new millennium" that we find ourselves in. In a fast-paced world of instant messaging, text messaging, e-mail, and MySpace where there are only snippets of information being exchanged, somehow, the humanity behind it all is lost.

What stories, what experiences, what history was lost when the people I mentioned earlier passed from this world? What history will be lost when your parents, grandparents and other loved ones or friends pass from the same? I wonder what sort of stories Miss Lula Mae Hardaway passed onto her son before it was her time to go and how happy she made him by doing so.

Every person is a person worth knowing, regardless of the superficial. I urge you to take advantage of every opportunity you may be presented with to get to know someone a little better, including family members, close family friends and people you may see everyday. Take a moment to videotape your grandfather telling that "old war story" or make a video diary of your grandmother making all of your favorite dishes, your aunt telling that embarrassing story about you. All of these things will seem like jewels in a precious crown when these people you care for are no longer able to tell these stories in person.

Do what you can to preserve the history around you because, like so many fine things, once they're gone, they cannot be retrieved. I'm sure that Lula Mae Hardaway's son would agree wholeheartedly.

Nov. 7

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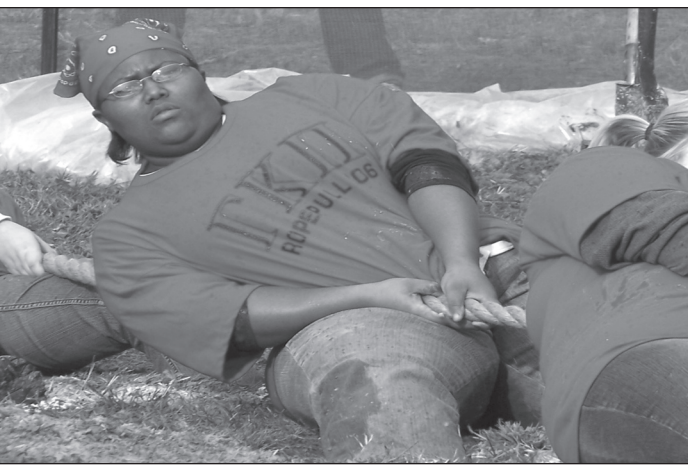
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# HOME COMING 2006



## Chi Omega, AGR claim first place in Rope Pull

Emily Payne  
Staff Writer

The week-long Rope Pull event officially concluded on Friday afternoon after many strenuous hours of training and competition behind the participants' belts.

The 2006 Rope Pull winners are the sisters of Chi Omega and the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Following in second place were the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha and the brothers of Kappa Alpha Order.

Rope Pull takes place every year during UTM Homecoming week. It is a very popular event that many students attend.

Emily Hunt, an Education major from Bartlett, attended the event and said, "Rope Pull is fun, but sometimes painful to watch. I know most competitors are sore from their hard work at practice but they still go out there and give it all they have. It's hard, and I know I couldn't do it."

Fraternities and sororities begin long, excruciating practices weeks before the competition begins. They put in long hours and practice in bad weather, but that does not seem to defer their determination.

Tommy Seratt, a member of AGR's rope pull team, said, "Practice was hard, Rope Pull was sometimes painful, but it is important to our team and the other teams, so the practice and pain doesn't matter. It's worth it."

That hard work and determination paid off this year for the winners.

After a ten-minute pull in the sorority division, Chi Omega won with more tape on their side.

During the fraternity championship pull, it began to rain, but both teams stuck through it, and after a 25-minute pull, Alpha Gamma Rho also won.

This is the 6th year AGR has come in first place in Rope Pull, and this is Chi Omega's first win in a long time.

Whitney Sullivan, a member of Chi Omega's Rope pull team, was proud of their accomplishment. "We have come in second place the past two years and to win is so exciting for me, our team and Chi Omega."

Other competitors included Gamma Kappa Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Delta Pi in the sorority division. In the fraternity division, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Sigma Kappa participated.



## Harper named 2006 Homecoming Queen

Heather Roland  
News Editor

This year's fun-filled Homecoming festivities were enjoyed by several of those on campus.

Whether students attended the highly exciting and victorious football game, or the widely anticipated Rope Pull, there were plenty of ways to participate and make memories of the Homecoming experience.

One special young woman, however, will remember this day for the rest of her life, because it was the day that she was crowned the 2006 Homecoming Queen.

After the Homecoming Queen nominees were escorted out onto the field, eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winner, one name was read that had several members of the crowd going wild. That was the name of the 2006 Homecoming Queen, Jamie Harper.

Harper is a senior Elementary Education major, as well as a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Harper first began her campaign for Homecoming Queen after believing that she could be a good representative.

"I felt that I could be a good representative, not only for my sorority, but also for this campus," Harper said. "I love UTM."

Besides putting up signs advertising her desire to become Homecoming Queen, Harper said that she used a part of her own personality as a campaign tactic.

"I'm a nice person," said Harper. "It's a part of my personality."

This tactic seemed to help a lot as she visited several different organizations around campus, as well as having an open mind.

After receiving her crown, Harper said that obtaining the position meant a lot to her.

"It means a lot [to me] because I was voted by the campus," Harper said. "I'm so glad to be a Skyhawk."

Harper continued by saying that she was very appreciative to those who voted her into this position.

"I am so glad to represent UTM," said Harper.

Congratulations once again to our 2006 Homecoming Queen Jamie Harper, as well as the other nominees.



Photos by LAURA BETH GRIFFIN / The Pacer & University Relations

## Powerful Pyramid performances provides plenty of Homecoming fun

Emily Payne  
Staff Writer

The 2006 Pyramid competition that took place on Friday in the Elam Center was jam-packed with excellent routines that were full of energy.

The first place winners were Chi Omega in the sorority division and Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the fraternity division.

Following in second place were Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega. Best of Show went to Chi Omega and Alpha Tau Omega.

Pyramid takes place

every year during UTM's Homecoming festivities. The competition consists of a 4-5 minute routine which includes dance, a cheer and three pyramids or stunts.

Mona Beale, a UTM alumnus, has seen Pyramid the past four years and said that this year has been her favorite.

"All the routines were fun and exciting to watch. All the sororities and fraternities were really good, and it was definitely a close competition," said Beale.

The brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho began the competition in tuxedo shirts

and black pants. They used sunglasses and chains as props that went along with their songs in their performance.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha wore white polo shirts and blue jeans. They built a double pyramid and threw two back tuck basket tosses. They also used sunglasses as a prop during their performance.

The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega performed to a mix of new and old songs and were dressed in torn clothes and painted like zombies. They built a double pyramid and danced to Michael

Jackson's song, "Beat It."

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have not been in this competition since 2003. Their clean sharp routine in purple stitch letter t-shirts won them the first place trophy.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Order dressed in white shirts with black ties and pants to represent the movie, "Men in Black." To end their routine they fell to the floor and spelled out "KA" with their bodies.

The brothers of Sigma Chi wore blue stitch letter t-shirts and wind pants. Senior Brent Smoyer

showed off his tumbling skills in their "Napoleon Dynamite"-inspired routine.

The brothers of Sig Ep dressed in black and wore white masks. White ribbons hung from their wrists and added movement to their dances.

In the sorority division, the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi wore 80s-inspired uniforms with hot pink trim. They began their routine with a heel stretch that rotated in a circle.

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi wore black uniforms with white waist

bands and blue and orange letters. During their cheer they lead the crowd while holding up signs.

The sisters of Chi Omega wore black uniforms with gold trim and letters. During their cheer they spelled "Skyhawks," as each letter was shouted, a member did a back hand spring. This is their 4th year to win Pyramid and Best of Show.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha wore black uniforms with rhinestones. They danced to 80s music as the crowd sang along to many of the songs.



# Homecoming festivities show how absences reflect in council meetings

Julie Hood  
Staff Writer

The Freshman Council met this past Thursday to discuss several topics going on here at UTM. This was the fourth session for the Freshman Council this year. The meeting started with a roll call to ensure that all members were present, but a few students did not attend due to other Homecoming events. If a student is unable to attend a meeting it is their responsibility to find a substitute to take their place, but that person is unable to vote on any of the proceedings. At the meeting Cody Martin, president, from South Fulton, started off by commenting on how important it is that everyone attend council meetings. Ashley Tankersley, vice president, from Union City, wanted to thank everyone who volunteered their time to SGA-sponsored events.

SGA Freshman Council at a Glance

- Members are responsible for finding a substitute if unable to attend a meeting
- Substitutes are not allowed to vote on any of the procedures
- One Freshman Council member has already been impeached due to the number of absences they have accumulated
- Bill Cordes will be the keynote speaker for the Youth Summit

A Freshman Council member was impeached due to the number of absences they had accumulated. Members of the council tried to reach the councilmember via e-mail and phone calls. The councilmember had two weeks to reach the council and without a letter of resignation that councilmember was impeached during the meeting. During the committee reports, it was announced that Bill Cordes will be the keynote speaker at the Youth Summit for high school students who show leadership and shows them how to carry their leadership skills into college. Also, in the Campus Observation report, it was reported that Sodexo is now thinking about offering organic food in the cafeteria.

A Parli-Pro Presentation was supposed to be given about Parliamentary Procedure but the council was unable to get the proper equipment, so it has been rescheduled for the council's next meeting. During announcements, members of the council were updated on a fellow councilmember who had been hospitalized. The member was reported to be doing better and they hope to see him at the next council meeting. The Freshman Council allows freshmen to get involved on campus and the decisions that are being made to improve the campus. Many leaders here on campus were once members of Freshman Council, such as SGA President James Orr. Freshman Council meetings are held every other Thursday at 9 p.m. in UC 111.

# Graduate School Workshop to take place next Saturday

Workshop provides hands-on preparatory course including sample graduate-level practice tests

Ekaterina Marchenko  
Staff Writer

This year's Graduate School Workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. in Holland McCombs Center. The workshop is sponsored by University Scholars Organization. It was initiated by USO about five years ago as a way to prepare students for graduate school. "That's one best thing about it is that it is run by students," said Daniel McDonough, History professor and a director for USO program.

USO is an upper division part of the Honors Program. USO encourages students to get involved with the Honors Program by providing a stimulating intellectual and cultural atmosphere. Throughout the year students attend a number of academic speakers, cultural events, community service activities, and organizational meetings. The USO scholarship is the highest scholastic award of \$5,000 per year. The Graduate School Workshop is one of its major projects of the year, carrying with it great importance in a way of providing an extra hand on student's preparation for graduate school. The committee is run by USO students and includes several speakers, which are typically professors or graduate school students. Practice tests of different kinds, including GRE, MCAT, PCAT, OAT, LSAT, and GEMT, depending on students' field of study, are given. Several members of USO administer tests and their time to organize them. The results are sent to the par-

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- Caroline Tippens  
USO President

ticipants' home address along with thorough explanations on the answers and students' performance. "It is wonderful for students to get first hand experience to deal with these tests and learn what grad school is," says Caroline Tippens, USO president. "Also it really is an eye-opener to see what material will actually be on the tests." The premises vary slightly from workshop to workshop. The main difference this year is instead of one professor presenting the material to the whole group, there will be several professors of different disciplines working with their specific groups of students. The workshop is open for everybody, not just seniors. "It is even more valuable for juniors to take it, because it gives them an idea of what to expect and more time to prepare," said McDonough. The cost for the workshop is \$5, which also covers a light breakfast at the beginning of the workshop. The workshop will conclude by noon. Even though it is already past the deadline, students can still apply and are encouraged to sign up each time it is offered.

# Habitat for Humanity asks UTM to get involved

Rachel Rogers  
A&E Editor

The McMullen family is going home. Well, not quite yet. First, their home has to be built. The McMullen's are part of the Habitat for Humanity program, and they've been the ones chosen to have a new home built in Greenfield. This comes after they had submitted an application to a committee that screens each applicant, then they go through a round of interviews. The committee will then go to the home to see if they truly need new housing. "If they already have decent housing, then there is no need to give them a new one," says Nancy Miller-Herron, part of the committee that looks at applicants. "We want people who are the working poor, people who don't make enough to make payments on a home of their own." And the McMullen's were definitely in need of a new home. With two parents and five children in a small house, it was easy to see that they were deserving of a new home.

Of course, despite what some people may think, getting a home from Habitat for Humanity is not free. "Each family has to make a small down payment, and put in so many 'sweat hours' working on their house or another house," says Miller-Herron. And you can be a part of it all. UTM has its very own Habitat for Humanity organization. "The organization has been on campus since the spring of 2006," says John Schommer, adviser for the organization. "We actually do what we can to help the Weakley County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. We help with fundraisers and organize work parties to go out to the houses. We even built a shed in the Quad. But our main goal is to keep the student public informed." The UTM chapter has been helping out with the project in Greenfield, though it's been tough. "Due to all the rain that's been happening, we've been having foundation problems," says Schommer. "We hope to have the foundation up by Saturday,

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— John Schommer, UTM Habitat for Humanity adviser

and have the house built by mid-November." In the meantime, they've been helping out with a house in Union City. The student chapter hasn't actually had any meetings yet this semester, but that hasn't deterred Schommer. "I've been extremely busy, but I'm planning on getting the student chapter structured." For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the organization, www.habitat.org says that "through the work of Habitat, thousands of low-income families have found new hope in the form of affordable housing. Churches, community groups and others have joined together to successfully tackle a significant social problem — decent housing for all." "Today, Habitat for Humanity has built over

200,000 homes", says www.habitat.org. They have sheltered over 1,000,000 people in more than 3,000 communities. If you want to be a part of Habitat for Humanity, you can send Schommer an email at jschomme@utm.edu. He has a listserv that will let everyone know about what's going on and where. You can also contact the Weakley County chapter at habitat2@utm.edu. So next time you are complaining about having nothing to do on the weekends, then this might be something worth looking into. It's something to make you feel good, and helps someone out in the community at the same time. And you can be sure the McMullen family will be grateful.



# Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer\_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

## Do you care about UTM?

A new student group is forming to help promote recycling at UTM. You can be a part of an organization to help save our environment. The first meeting will take place from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. on October 31 in UC 125 (back of the cafeteria). E-mail utm.recycling@gmail.com for more information. This is our campus and our planet — protect it.

**Wanted: Toys for Children**

Christmas is coming, but not for some children. We would like to help make Christmas special for these children in our community this year. Please drop off new toys for boys or girls (any age) in the main office of the Sociology Building by December 1. Thank you for your kindness.

**Pacer Meetings**

Want to write for the student

newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 316. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

**Spanish Club**

All students are encouraged to join the UTM Spanish Club. Come and learn all about Spanish culture, participate in service activities and much more. Meetings are held at 4 p.m. every other Wednesday in HU 413. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Bible Study**

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a H.Y.P.E. Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the white house on the campus of Southside Baptist Church. Come get the word and have fun while doing it. If you need a ride, call 587-5124, but please call ahead of time.

**SAC Events**

SAC is sponsoring numerous events this week. On Tuesday, October 31, SAC is hosting a Pumpkin Carving Contest in the cafeteria starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes given out; 1st place will win \$100, 2nd place will win \$50, and 3rd place will win \$25. Friday night movie this week will be "ATL."

**Superhero Showdown**

Sigma Alpha Epsilon presents "Superhero Showdown at 7:30 p.m. on October 31 at the SAE House. The cost is \$5 at the door and \$3 in advance. Register for a chance to win a Tiffany & Co. bracelet, as well as other door prizes sponsored by Tanning World, Sun Shop, La Cabana, and others. Proceeds go to The Children's Miracle Network.

**Presidents' Roundtable**

There will be a Presidents'

Roundtable meeting at 7:30 p.m. on November 2 in UC 111. Everyone is invited to attend.

**SGA Senate Meeting**

SGA Senate will meet in regular session at 9 p.m. on November 2 in UC 111. As always, everyone is invited to attend this meeting to see our student government in action.

**Diversity Week**

SGA presents Diversity Week "Bridging the Gaps on November 6-10. This year's Diversity Week consists of several exciting events. There will be a Diversity Quiz Bowl at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6 in Watkins Auditorium. An International Forum will take place at 8 p.m. on Nov. 7 in UC 111. There will be a Diversity Rally at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the Student Life Center. A Global Experience will take place at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 in Watkins Auditorium. There will be a Diversity Explo-

sion/Party at 7:30 p.m. on November 10 in the UC Ballroom. Certificates of Participation will be given.

**Trivia Bowl**

Love trivia? Want to represent your organization well on campus? Participate in the campus-wide Trivia Bowl! This event, sponsored by the University Scholars Organization, will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 14 in Watkins Auditorium. To register, drop by the Honors Program office in the Holland McCombs Center OR sign your team up outside the cafeteria on November 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The deadline to register is November 6. The registration fee is only \$25. Come and compete against the sharpest minds in the school at the USO's annual Trivia Bowl.

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# Chris Edwards receives Beth Maloan Outstanding UTM Student Employee Award

### Staff Reports

During her years of service to UTM as the director of Budgeting and Payroll, Beth Maloan became a strong advocate for student employment. The Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award endorses Beth's vision to recognize outstanding student performance and develop more challenging employment opportunities to make our students significant contributors to the university's mission and better prepared for their professional endeavors.

After Beth lost her battle with cancer in April 2001, this award was established as a memorial to her and a testament to her belief in our student employees. This award is given each spring and fall semester to the student who demonstrates a strong work ethic and an exceptional commitment to the university. The ideal candidate must be in good academic standing and demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond normal expectations.

One of the goals of the Selection Committee is to endow this award. In that spirit, we'd like to remind you that you may contribute to this scholarship award through payroll deduction or by sending your contribution directly to the Office of Development. If you are interested in contributing, you may contact anyone in the Office of Development here on campus.

We appreciate your ongoing support in helping us realize this goal.

Each award recipient receives a \$500 cash award and a plaque to recognize his or her student employment service. Additionally, a perpetual plaque listing the names of all past recipients is in a place of honor in the UC. Our Fall 2006 recipient is a senior Electrical Engineering major who has worked in the Physical Plant for three years.

This year's recipient is Chris Edwards. According to his supervisor, "Chris has proven to be a very valuable part of the Physical Plant team. He has saved the university thousands of dollars by taking on work that would normally be done by outside consultants."

Edwards is completing his seventh semester as a student employed in the Physical Plant. He works for the Campus Engineer and Director of the Physical Plant in many different types of jobs. He prepares autocad drawings of campus building floor plans, renovation projects, and presentation material. He provides support to the Physical Plant shops as needed and is actively involved with parking lot layout and design, field layout, and locks. Edwards has established himself as a self-starter and shows a willingness to take on any task.

He has been an integral part of maintaining the Physical Plant computer drawing system in addi-



Edwards

tion to archiving drawings and manuals. He is excellent at resolving computer problems and helps the campus engineer in electrical lighting design. He always displays a very pleasant attitude while completing tasks and at the same time keeping up with his engineering school studies. Edwards continues to take on more of a leadership role in the Physical Plant as well as showing that positive "get-the-job-done" attitude.

Once again, let's thank Chris for his contributions to UTM and congratulate him on being the Fall 2006 recipient of the Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award.

Edwards is a valued member of the Physical Plant staff. He has worked very diligently at his job, and has proven time and time again that he is a hard worker.

Congratulations once again. We are extremely proud to have you as this year's recipient of the Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award.

# Positive Psychology is promising policy for UTM students, faculty

Michael Crump  
Staff Writer

The recent Wednesday Forum consisted of in-depth positive psychology, presented by Dr. Jennifer Levy.

"Positive psychology is the scientific study of the strengths and virtues that enable individuals and communities to thrive," explained Levy.

Positive psychology is a field which is founded on the belief that people want to have meaningful and fulfilling lives, to cultivate what is best within themselves, and to enhance their experiences of love, work and play.

It has three central concerns: positive emotions, positive individual traits, and positive institutions.

Understanding positive emotions entails the study of contentment with the past, happiness in the

present and hope for the future.

Understanding positive individual traits consists of the study of the strengths and virtues, such as the capacity for love and work, courage, compassion, creativity, curiosity, self-control, and wisdom.

Understanding positive institutions entails the study of strengths that foster better communities, such as justice, work ethic, teamwork, and leadership.

An example of positive psychology that Levy used was a small child growing up in an abusive household.

She discussed in detail how one daughter would teach her siblings how to make the best out of a situation and realize to stand clear out of the presence of her parents when they had been drinking.

She then went into further detail explaining that the girl would tell her sib-

lings to stay in the closet or hidden while the parents were arguing, if they had a drink of milk, water it down so their father would not notice it.

Then she explained while growing up how the girl would always want to change their lives because they did not want to see their children growing up in this kind of household.

Some goals of positive psychology are to build a science that supports families and schools that allow children to flourish, workplaces to foster satisfaction and higher productivity, communities to encourage civic engagement, and teaching positive psychology.

Dr. Levy then gave a Web site, [authentichappiness.sas.upenn.edu](http://authentichappiness.sas.upenn.edu) where you can find a lot of quizzes and get feedback about positive psychology.



## Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

2:17 a.m., October 23  
Lot 12

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

October 23  
University Center

Report of a subject being assaulted. Investigation continues.

4:20 p.m., October 23  
Ellington Hall

Subject reported theft from a vending machine. Investigation continues.

7:59 p.m., October 24  
Cooper Hall

There was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Officers and fire department responded and determined that it was a false alarm. The system was reset.

7:59 p.m., October 24  
Elam Center

Report of a subject that had fainted. Officers and emergency personnel responded. Subject was treated on the scene and refused transport.

5:20 p.m., October 24  
University Center

Report of a subject that had fainted. Officers and emergency personnel responded. Subject was treated on the scene and refused transport.

7:14 p.m., October 24  
Lee St.

Louis A. Cole was issued citations for driving on expired registration, failure to provide proof of insurance and driving on suspended driving license. (General Sessions Court)

9:41 a.m., October 25  
Gooch Hall

Subject reported loss of their university keys.

10:52 p.m., October 25  
Hannings Lane

William A. Jones was issued a citation for expired registration. (City Court)

2:14 p.m., October 26  
Cooper Hall

Report of a disturbance involving two subjects. An officer responded and advised subjects to have no further contact.

1:10 p.m., October 27  
Hannings Lane

Jacob R. Todd was issued citations for speeding and no insurance. (General Sessions Court)

4:07 a.m., October 28  
Moody St.

Carter W. West was arrested for DUI and violation of the drinking age law. Lauren N. Kozlowski was cited into court for violation of the drinking age law. (General Sessions Court)

5:17 p.m., October 28  
Lot 13

Subject reported damage to their vehicle. Investigation continues.

11:20 p.m., October 28  
Hurt St.


Justin M. Brown was issued a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign. (City Court)

2:03 a.m., October 29  
Raven St.

Brett A. Thaler was arrested for DUI. (General Sessions Court)

1:22 a.m., October 29  
Off Campus

Bobby Gilkey was issued a citation for disorderly conduct. (General Sessions Court)



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# The ghost of Clement Hall: is she real or just a myth?

Jason Bohanan  
Staff Writer

The ghost of a suicidal former student haunts Clement Hall's fourth floor and sometimes appears in a white dress to those who dare trespass.

That is, if the story about UTM's oldest dormitory is true. So far, no one has been able to validate the tale, which remains one of the most popular ghost stories of West Tennessee.

According to legend, a female student committed suicide on the fourth floor years ago and now haunts the floor, especially the community bathroom. Both students and faculty have reported strange occurrences on the floor, including seeing an apparition clothed in white.

"They (eye witnesses) are very specific about the white dress," says Tim Barrington, technical director for the Department of Theatre and Visual Arts.

While no one has been able to validate the story, the idea that a student committed suicide on Clement's top floor is false, according to Director of Housing Earl Wright.

Wright says the ghost story began after an incident in the early 1970s in which his sister and her roommate left an art project in the community bathroom to dry. A fellow student was frightened when she saw the life-sized figures standing in a shower stall and reported the incident to the dean of Women's Offices, whom Wright declined to identify.

The dean threatened to expel the offending students, but the guilty parties were never discovered.

"It was presented as something someone did for a prank, but it wasn't a prank," Wright says.

While Wright says he believes the figures had a Halloween-based theme, they were not grotesque.

"If you slowly go through the details of the [ghost] stories, it all stems from that incident," Wright says.

While Wright's explication may help explain the origin of the Clement ghost story, the causes of other incidents remain mysteries.

David Belote, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, is still unsure of what, or who, he saw in Clement's attic during an incident in the early 1980s. Belote, who at that time was the assistant director of Housing, was searching through the attic when he saw something move very quickly between two stacks of boxes.

"Something was up there and it wasn't quite right," he says. "It was scary enough to make your heart beat fast."

However, Belote isn't convinced he encountered the Clement ghost. According to Belote, the movement could have been caused by a number of things, including a cat, birds or another person.

"Whether there's anything up there is debatable. It could have been my imagination," he says.

Belote admits to embellishing on the account when telling it to students over the years.

Tomi McCutchen Parrish, a Communications professor and adviser to *The Pacer*, says she heard a door slam on the fourth floor when WMC-TV, better known as Channel 5 based in Memphis, was filming a documentary on the supposed haunting in 2003.

Parrish says she and Director of University Relations Bud Grimes heard a door slam loudly on the floor, which they thought was unoccupied. Although Parrish and Grimes were the only ones in the vicinity, neither claims responsibility for the slamming door.

Grimes says he remembers the filming of the documentary, but doesn't recall a door slamming.

"It's quiet and unusual and you hear noises and that kind of thing. It's an old building and there's things there that make for a good Halloween story," Grimes says.

The Memphis Mid-South Ghost Hunters, a paranormal research group formerly known as the Ghost Stalkers of West Tennessee, sought to conduct a formal investigation later that year but were denied permission by UTM's administration.

Clement Hall, which was originally named the "Woman's Residence Hall" when it opened in the fall of 1957, was built on the site previously occupied by the "Wooden Box," a temporary men's dorm.



KATIE MERCURI/ The Pacer

**The ghost of a student who comitted suicide is said to still roam the corridors of Clement Hall.**

The building has been used as a dorm since it opened, but has also housed various university departments and offices when needed. Currently, 27 men reside on the fourth floor because of a housing shortage.

One of those residents, Timmie Edmond, says several of his roommate's DVDs unexpectedly fell to the floor about 1 a.m. one morning. Edmond, who was alone at the time, says the DVDs were placed squarely on top of a desk and could not have fallen on their own.

"Naturally, I thought it was a mouse, but I haven't seen any mice in this hall," Edmond says.

Edmond fled to a friend's room on the same floor after the incident.

"I told him (his roommate) about that and he just thought it was real funny," Edmond says.

So the ghost clothed in white lives on: if not on Clement's fourth floor, then at least in the stories and tales that haunt UTM.

## These tough 'ladies' strutted with all their might to be named Miss Understood 2006

Whitney Sullivan  
Staff Writer

"These heels are killing me!"

That's not something that you will hear every often coming from a guy's mouth, but if you were in attendance at the Public Relations Student Society of America's annual Womanless Beauty Pageant last Thursday night, you very possible did hear it... and more than once.

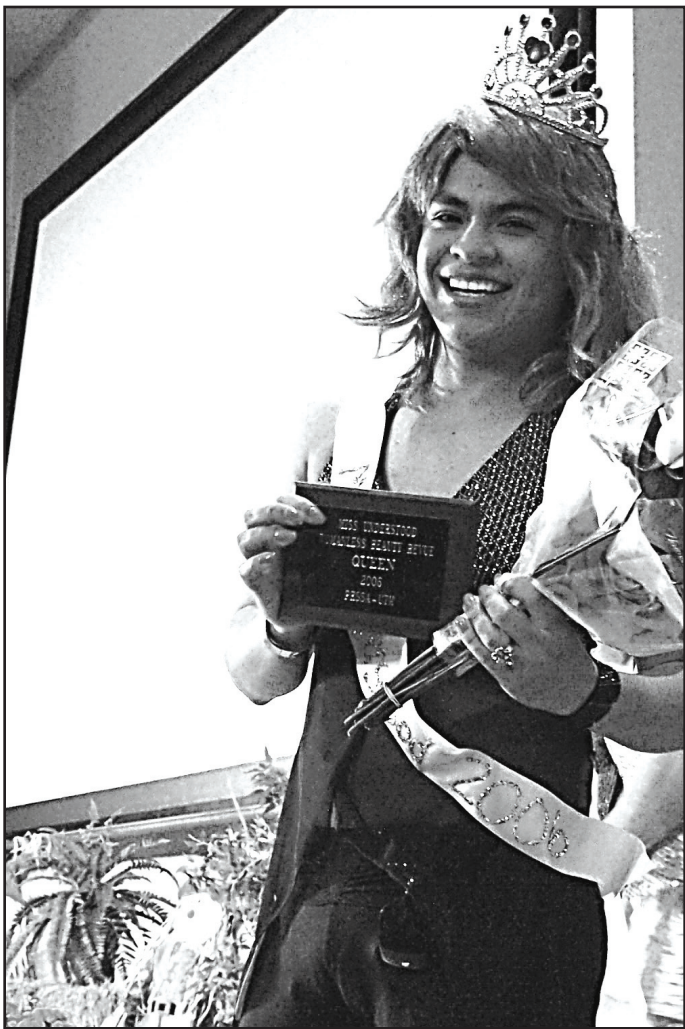
Thirteen beautiful "ladies" were in the pageant, which was held in Watkins Auditorium. They competed in modeling and talent portions. Almost 150 spectators came to watch these guys, er, girls, compete viciously for the title of "Miss Understood 2006." The energetic emcees for the night were David Belote, assistant vice chancellor of Student Affairs, and Teresa Collard, Communications professor.

All 13 ladies kept the crowd roaring with laughter during the entire show. They showed the audience a side of them that had maybe never been seen before. Talents ranged from baton twirling to hair twirling.

Along with paying to get in, donations were taken up during the pageant by the contestants, who walked around during the intermission collecting money in purses. PRSSA ended up raising almost \$1000, part of which will be donated to United Way.

Jeff Hoyer, adviser for PRSSA, had to turn himself back into "Hottie Tottie" to give away the crown. "Hottie Tottie" was "Miss Understood 2005." He said right before he went on stage, "I am almost sad to have to give away my crown."

The contestants voted "Maria "Lupita" Guadalupe Perez Lopez," or Sergio Bustillo, as Miss Congeniality. "Erica," or Eric Pelren, a professor of Wildlife Biol-



LAURA BETH GRIFFIN/ The Pacer

**Miss Maria "Lupita" Guadalupe Perez Lopez (aka Sergio Bustillo) shows off her awards at the 2006 Miss Understood Pageant.**

ogy, was chosen to have the best talent by the judges, which was turkey calling, and "Joetta James, III," or Johnny Richwine, raised the most money during the pageant to win People's Choice Award. The court consisted of second maid, "Erica," first maid, "Joetta James, III," and queen, "Maria "Lupita" Guadalupe Perez Lopez."

The Womanless Beauty Pageant has now established its importance during Homecoming week. It's refreshing to get together to laugh at with fellow students and professors during such a hectic week for all.

Congratulations to Miss "Maria "Lupita" Guadalupe Perez Lopez" for her big win.

Representatives from the UTM chapter of PRSSA will be attending the national convention in Salt Lake City this upcoming weekend, where they will attend seminars and workshops dealing with public relations. According to Hoyer, it will also give them a chance to network with professionals.

For more information on PRSSA and its upcoming events, or how you can be a part of it, contact Hoyer at jhoyer@utm.edu

## A good old-fashioned ghost story

Rachel Rogers  
Arts & Entertainment  
Editor

### Commentary

So as I was reading over this wonderful story about the Clement Hall ghost (see above), I couldn't help but think about the ghostly encounters I have had.

When I was a freshmen in high school, my parents told me about how, when I was child, I apprently talked to my dead grandparents. My mom said that many a morning when she would come and wake me up, I would tell her that my granny had come during the night and we had played together. At first she just thought it was my imagination. After all, all of my other friends had

grandmothers. It would make sense that I would make one up just to fit in.

But it continued. Night after night, I would say "Granny came and got me, and we went to play." At last, all she could say was, "If there is any way my mother could come back and play with you, she would."

The defining moment came one day when I told my father that I had something to tell him. I then promptly said, "Poppa fell through a hole in the barn, but said to tell you he was all right."

Mom told me that Dad had turned white as a sheet. Apparently, when

he was younger, his father had indeed fallen through a hole in the top of their barn, but had landed on hay and walked away unhurt. I, as little more than a baby, could have no way of knowing about that.

I can still remember feeling the hairs on the back of my neck stand up when I heard this. I had always believed in ghosts, but I had never actually seen one. At least, not to my knowledge.

Tonight is the night that you can't help but believe in this kind of thing. Even if you've never believed before, you might run into a few ghosts tonight. Just remember, you leave them alone, and they'll do the same.

## Weekend Box Office results

Movie	Weekend Gross	World Gross
1. Saw III	\$34,300,000	\$34,300,000
2. The Departed	\$9,840,000	\$31,000,000
3. The Prestige	\$9,626,000	\$15,000,000
4. Flags of our Fathers	\$6,196,000	\$10,000,000
5. Open Season	\$6,100,000	\$12,000,000
6. Flicka	\$4,975,000	\$8,000,000
7. Man of the Year	\$4,713,670	\$7,000,000
8. The Grudge 2	\$3,300,000	\$8,000,000
9. Marie Antionette	\$2,850,000	\$12,000,000
10. Running with Scissors	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000





Left: the members of Sigma Chi give a spin on "The Price is Right" during their "Lip Sync" performance.



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Below: the members of Pi Kappa Alpha perform a "Fruit of the Loom" skit for this year's "Lip Sync."

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## From the Geek Corner

### More cameras and the same old web browsers

This week, as a continuation of our series on digital cameras, we will take a look at four high powered zoom cameras from some of the most well known digital camera manufacturers in the country. These cameras typify higher quality zoom cameras, and anyone in the market for a new digital camera should keep in mind that some cameras in the same series as these models could be of lesser quality for a “better,” i.e. lower, price. (Don’t let prices fool you.) We’ll wrap things up next week with a look at three or four digital SLRs.

Also on the block this week: Internet Explorer 7. Microsoft’s newest internet browser received bad reviews during its beta testing period, and although the full release was supposed to have fixed a lot of the errors, only time will tell if it can compete

with Firefox 2.0 (released



Matt Cook  
Technical Editor

“Microsoft’s newest browser received bad reviews during beta...only time will tell if it can compete.”

last week) and Opera 9.02. These two browsers, in addition to Safari for Mac computers and a number of lesser known browsers, have chipped away at Internet Explorer’s market share for more than two years and promise to continue. Read the review to see if you want to update your IE or drop Microsoft from your browsing options.

As always, if you think we’re uniformed or incorrect about a topic, send me an email and I’ll be happy to feature your opinions right here in The Technophile. Who knows, I might even ask you to write for us!

### Internet Explorer back in runnings with new release and more add-on features

Elizabeth Watts  
Executive Editor

Internet Explorer 7 was released this week with more features that mirror Mozilla Firefox. The popularity of Internet Explorer has declined in recent years, because of other web browsers such as Firefox and Opera. The newly released Internet Explorer 7 has tabbed browsing and a cleaner look and style.

Internet Explorer 7 has a more streamlined interface that has a larger viewing area for webpages. Without the huge buttons for back and forward, less space is taken up by needless tool bars. The new Internet Explorer is similar to Safari in style.

Another new feature is tabbed browsing. When Firefox released their web browser, users could jump between pages with tabs instead of opening multiple windows. Another feature is that users can save multiple tabs into one big tab and save it as a favorite. Users can open tabs that they use everyday with one click.

Printing has always been a problem with Internet Explorer. In the past, many times users wanted to print out a web page, but it never fit in one page. Sometimes a webpage that would be 3 pages normally printed 9 or 10 pages. With the new release, Internet Explorer 7 automatically shrinks the page so the content fits on page. The new print option also allows users to customize margins and remove headers and footers before printing.

In today’s technology driven world, it’s hard to find someone that doesn’t know what RSS feed

means. For those that don’t know, RSS means Real Simple Syndication. RSS automatically shows users when web sites are updated. With Internet Explorer, users can customize their RSS feeds to show news or other online features that they care about.

Instead of using only one or two search engines, Internet Explorer 7 has a plethora of search engines that are available. A few search engines that are available are Yahoo, Google, eBay, ESPN and many others.

One of the major complaints users have with past Internet Explorers is that it was very vulnerable to attacks. Many users switched to Firefox because they were tired of dealing with on going security issues that Internet Explorer caused. Internet Explorer 7 has new security features that help protect against software that can affect your computer. Internet Explorer also protects users’ personal information to prevent fraud and phishing.

Internet Explorer also has new add-ons that are similar to Firefox’s. A few add-ons that are featured with the new Internet Explorer are parental controls, pop-up blockers, bookmark managers and design tools. Add-ons can personalize the browser and can help users surf the net more effectively.

Internet Explorer has gotten a lot of bad press in the past couple of years because security flaws and cumbersome styles. With the new Internet Explorer 7, users that have left Microsoft’s influence may feel comfortable to return to their original web browser.

### Cameras with features and then some



MATT COOK/The Pacer

On the left is the Kodak P850 turned off. On the right is the same camera turned on with the optical zoom lens extended. Optical zoom lenses physically move to enlarge the image.

Matt Cook  
Technical Editor

A superzoom digital camera is one in which the focal length is around 4x to 12x. The focal length specification is the only true defining factor for what makes up the superzoom group of cameras. Superzooms are frequently found in prosumer style cameras, those cameras that fall somewhere in between what a professional and what a consumer would use for photography. These often mimic SLR camera bodies, but have fixed lens (whereas SLRs have removable lenses.) With the increasing of producing good technology on a smaller and smaller scale, some superzooms can be housed in compact body styles.

**Kodak Easy Share Z710**  
Of all the Kodak Easy Share Z models, the new Z710 is the most ideal camera for a superzoom in the Z lineup. The Z710 features 10x optical zoom and 5x optical zoom, a total of 50x zoom factor for around \$299.95. (Visit [pacer.utm.edu/3359.htm](http://pacer.utm.edu/3359.htm) for a review of last week’s discussion on the different types of zoom.) In addition to the large zoom factor, the Z710 sports 7.1 megapixels, enough to handle the digital zoom’s cropping effect with some

clarity. Some of the other Kodak Z series cameras offer 30x to 50x total zoom factor (optical multiplied by digital) but have only 4 or 5 megapixels, which could result in fuzzy or pixilated photos if too much digital zoom is used.

The 710 is more of a consumer camera with its simple design but does have the ability to shoot in manual modes where the user controls ISO, aperture and shutter settings. The Z710 is limited to shooting JPEG files, saving the RAW file type (discussed in brief below) for its bigger siblings in the Kodak Easy Share P lineup.

**Kodak Easy Share P850**  
The Kodak Easy Share P850 is similar to the Z710 in that it is a high powered zoom for just under \$300. The P850 is a prosumer camera designed to perform in a variety of settings. It has 12x optical zoom and 3.3x digital zoom for a total of just under 40x total zoom factor; both cameras have Schneider-Kreuznach lens. The big difference, other than the 10x more zoom factor in the Z710 is that the P850 has only 5.1 megapixels, which makes sense given its smaller digital zoom. The P850 has both manual settings and predefined scene modes and is capable of capturing in both

JPEG and RAW formats.

RAW formats contain the pixel information that is captured by a camera’s sensor without formulating an RGB image based on the white balance, contrast and saturation settings of the camera (which is how a JPEG is formed.) This allows more experienced photographers to define those settings his or herself in a computer program before they can be printed, manipulated with a bitmap editor or displayed online. This may not seem appealing to a point and shoot user, but for a professional or semi-professional photographer, the benefits are outstanding.

The P850 has many other professional features including a hot shoe adapter for adding a stronger flash, a time lapse burst mode that will take a picture at regular intervals of 10 seconds to 24 hours, 25 selectable auto focus zones and much more.

**Canon PowerShot S3 IS**  
The Canon S3 IS (image stabilization) is a six megapixel, 12x optical zoom camera with about the same features as the above Kodak cameras (manual and defined scene modes, wide variety of ISO speeds, etc.) Some of the distinguishing features of the S3 are its swivel LCD screen (which

is a bit small at two inches) and the ability to shoot a picture at the same time it is capturing video. It can also shoot two frames a second for up to 15 seconds and the camera as a whole has very minimal shutter lag. The biggest down sides of the PowerShot S3 IS are the price: \$400-500 (about \$100 more than comparable cameras) and the lack of a RAW file format.

**Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ7**

The Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ7 is a top of the line camera from a lesser known photography company that competes with the big name products such as those above. The FZ7 has a 12x optical and a 4x digital zoom, and an extended optical zoom mode that causes slight distortion but provides up to 16.5x optical zoom. Its six megapixels are plenty adequate to support its total zoom factor of 48x. The boot-up time is a little sluggish but the recycle time (time the camera requires between shots to process the image) is excellent at 1.6 seconds. The LCD is on the weak side: although it is 2.5 inches, it solarizes in bright light and is difficult to see detail in low light. The pricing is a big plus, ranging from \$250 to 300 on most online stores.

### Widgets make Internet exciting and unique

Jon-Michael St. Amant  
Staff Writer

An interesting feature accompanying many internet browsers is the feature known as the widget. These are light-weight pop-up tools that are used to make one’s experience on the web more pleasing and streamlined.

To date, the two main browsers that include these widgets are Firefox (under the name “add-on’s”) and Opera (reviewed next week). These programs allow users to personalize their browsing. Each widget takes up less than a megabyte of space, and are open source. These widgets range from small games to RSS readers and beyond. It is also important to note that these widgets work in an opened browser. This can increase web experience by not cluttering the desktop with multiple windows and relieving the problem of clicking through a plethora of folders to open the applications you need.

To test the waters try out these five widgets for Firefox:

1. **Cooliris Previews:** No longer must one endure clicking through a million links in order to get to the page he or she is looking

for; Cooliris Preview has solved this all with their add-on. All you have to do is place the mouse on the link and Cooliris shows you what the site looks like that you are about to enter. Take your mouse off the link and the preview vanishes. This can be very handy and save countless hours clicking on sites you don’t really want to view.

2. **FoxyTunes:** Many people love to listen to their music while browsing the internet. FoxyTunes cuts out all the switching between browser, to music player and back again. With the touch of a button that lies at the bottom right of your browser window, you can launch and control your media player, whether that player is iTunes, Windows Media Player, Real Player or others. This is all done from one window to streamline your browsing experience.

3. **StumbleUpon:** This add-on is extremely helpful in finding sites on the web that one would not think to look for otherwise. By simply clicking the add-on button at the top of your browser window, you can “channel surf” for many popular sites. Help others by finding sites that you like and using StumbleUpon to add that site as popu-

lar. StumbleUpon explains itself by saying it is a “collaborative surfing tool for browsing, reviewing and sharing great sites with like-minded people.”

4. **AdBlock Plus:** To make the internet run more quickly and smoothly, use AdBlock Plus. Many use pop-up blockers, but

AdBlock Plus actually removes the ads that are on the page. Without all those pesky ads taking up a majority of the loading time, one can surf the internet faster than ever. Plus, you no longer have to be sucked into silly internet

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## Firefox

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Website of the week: YouTube

Jay Baker  
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The Web site YouTube.com, recently purchased by Google for \$1.65 billion, is one of the many Internet boom 2.0 Cinderella stories (like Facebook, MySpace and it's new owner Google). But despite the hype and press coverage as of late, YouTube still remains a functional and entertaining site for lots of users and searchers.

YouTube works on a simple concept: users can upload videos to share with others. Seems simple, but YouTube has revolutionized media access on the Internet. With YouTube, anyone can upload their own political commercial. This video could then potentially be seen by hundreds of thousands of people and potentially change



an election. This is the same type of potential afforded to the blogger, only now in video format.

Also, bloggers who tackle politicians by quoting or analyzing what they have said on various television shows can upload clips and stream them or link them to their blog. An excellent example of this would be the video of Rush Limbaugh's comments on Michael J. Fox which have pervaded televised news. Some of the videos have been viewed over 100,000 times.

YouTube has more than just political potential, though. Check out the "Categories" page for the science and technology

section where you can see a pressurized soda can explode from a pellet gun. Or check out the news and blogs sections for a series titled "7 Days @ Minimum Wage." Of course, you can always find plenty of time-wasting humorous videos.

If you are not sure where to start, try checking digg.com's Video section. Lots of really cool YouTube videos are "dugg" there.

Rumors abound that YouTube will soon be replacing Google's video foray: Google Video. Either way, with backing by Google, YouTube is sure to be around for a while (much like Google, whose best services are not even out of beta testing).

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## Skyhawks claim OVC supremacy with win over Panthers

**Brad Hurt**  
Sports Editor

In a matchup of two stingy defenses, the Skyhawk unit came up with the big play when it counted the most to preserve a 15-9 win over Eastern Illinois that vaulted the Skyhawks past the Panthers into first place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Linebacker Markeseo Jackson tackled Panther receiver Justin Duhai inches short of a first down at midfield with 1:39 remaining in the game to preserve the Skyhawks' second consecutive Homecoming victory and seventh consecutive win this season. Jackson finished the game with 12 total tackles, while safety Kevin Rondo had 10 ½.

Once the official placed the ball in the correct position on the field, Jason Simpson and his players could relax.

"That was a big play. I thought it was a good call and a good spot," Simpson said.

The decisive defensive stand finally stamped a 'W' on a game that had been close throughout and had seen the Skyhawks fail to score in the first half.

"Defense has been the theme for our team this whole season," Simpson said. "There is no reason to stop this week. Our defensive staff had a great plan. The kids played extremely hard, just like they have every week. They met the challenge and gave us a chance to win this football game," he continued.

The Skyhawks' huge win came in front of an announced crowd of 6,935 at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. The large turnout provided a sometimes raucous atmosphere at key points in the game that rattled the visitors and inspired the home team to play with passion.

The win did not come easily for the Skyhawks, who failed to cross midfield on their first five possessions of the game. They reached the 49 yard line with their second possession only to punt the ball away for the second time in the game. On their next possession, the Skyhawks had the potential to put together a scoring drive by starting near midfield again but fumbled the EIU punt and turned the ball over.

By the end of the opening half, the Skyhawks had managed to



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**At left, Skyhawk running back Don Chapman breaks through the ankle tackle of Eastern Illinois strong safety Tristan Burge during Saturday's 15-9 Homecoming victory at Graham Stadium. Chapman finished the game with 94 yards on 26 carries, including 33 yards on the game-winning drive in the fourth quarter.**

accumulate only 94 yards on offense, led by running backs Don Chapman and Marcus Dawson, who combined for 30 yards on the ground.

"The first half was mistake after mistake after mistake," Simpson said. "There has not been many times this year where we have gone three or four plays in a row with only getting two yards. We identified the mistakes and got things corrected in the second half. I think Donald also started running a little harder in the second half."

The Panthers put their initial mark on the scoreboard early

in the second quarter on a field goal by kicker Zach Yates. After a steady diet of runs by Norris Smith and Vincent Webb, the Panthers gave Yates his first attempt. The kick missed but Yates earned a reprieve thanks to a UTM penalty. He made the most of his second opportunity from a distance of 35 yards and put his team on top 3-0.

Later in the quarter, the Skyhawks' Taylor Brown had a chance to even the score with a field goal attempt from 39 yards but missed wide right.

The first offensive break for the Skyhawks came as the result of a

## Current OVC Standings

Team	OVC	Overall
UT Martin	4-0	7-1
Tennessee State	4-0	5-3
Eastern Illinois	4-1	5-4
Jacksonville State	4-2	4-4
SEMO	2-3	4-4
Eastern Kentucky	2-3	3-5
Tennessee Tech	2-3	2-6
Samford	1-5	3-6
Murray State	0-6	1-7

great defensive play by freshman defensive back Dontrell Miller. On the first possession of the second half, Miller intercepted a pass by EIU quarterback Cole Stinson to set up the Skyhawk offense near midfield. The drive, which included a 10-yard completion from quarterback Greg Preston to Brian Kissell and a total of 15 yards on the ground from Chapman, led to a field goal attempt by Brown.

When EIU sent too many players into their huddle, the Skyhawks earned a first down, negating the field goal and setting up a five-yard touchdown run for Chapman that made the score 7-3 in favor of the home team.

The Panthers regained the lead in the fourth quarter by taking advantage of a Skyhawk turnover. EIU safety Seymour Loftman intercepted a Preston pass at the UTM 36 yard line. Chapman alertly forced Loftman to fumble the ball but it was recovered by EIU at the Skyhawk 15 yard line.

Five plays later, the Panthers reached the end zone on a two-yard run by Stinson to make the score 9-7. However, the Skyhawk defense regrouped and junior defensive lineman Joel Kilpatrick came up with a blocked extra point that kept the Skyhawks within two points.

"That was a huge play in the game," Simpson said.

"That kind of changed the complexion of the play calls, whether or not you have to score one more time or two more times," he continued.

Despite holding the ball for three fewer minutes than EIU, the Skyhawks outgained the Panthers on the day, earning 207 total yards of offense compared to 193 for the visitors. The Skyhawk

defense allowed only 37 passing yards.

The Skyhawks put the game away by chewing up nearly eight minutes on a fourth-quarter scoring drive.

Led by Chapman, who carried the ball seven times on the drive for a total of 33 yards, the Skyhawks covered 69 yards on 14 plays.

Preston capped the drive by scoring on a 1-yard run. Chapman then added a two-point conversion to build the lead to 15-9.

Chapman finished the game with 94 yards on 26 carries.

The Panthers took over with just over four minutes remaining with the chance to jump ahead once again with a touchdown. Beginning at their own 19-yard line, the Panthers remained dedicated to the ground game. Smith and Webb alternated carries on the drive and methodically moved the ball down the field.

On third down, needing four yards to pick up another first down, the Panthers decided to abandon the running game that had worked to that point and let Stinson

"Our defense had a great plan," Simpson said. "The kids tackled well and forced Eastern into some long down and distances. In this game it was going to come down to your third-down and mediums compared to your third-and-longs."

The Skyhawks suffered some key injuries in the game as Dawson left the contest with an apparent ankle injury and wide receiver Jamaal Akbar departed with an injury to his Achilles' tendon.

The status of both players is uncertain for Saturday's game at Southeast Missouri.

## Skyhawk football cracks top 10; remains focused on task at hand

**Zane Gresback**  
Staff Writer

The Skyhawk football team keeps climbing the I-AA national rankings and find themselves in the top ten for the first time in school history.

After the weekend's Homecoming win over No. 14 Eastern Illinois, the Skyhawks rose from No. 12 to No. 10 in The Sports Network's I-AA Football Poll.

The win over the Panthers was UTM's seventh consecutive and now they stand atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings with a 4-0 mark and a 7-1 overall record.

The last time the Skyhawks won seven consecutive games was in 1988, the year they advanced to the Division II playoffs.

The Skyhawks are ranked as high as No. 9 in Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette and the CSN Coaches Poll lists them at No. 10.

Though a Top 10 ranking is unprecedented, three conference games still remain on the Skyhawks' schedule and a loss will not only drop them in the rankings but more importantly put more pressure on them in the race for the conference title. Tennessee State is also unbeaten in conference play with a 4-0 record.

Perhaps the novelty of being a nationally ranked program has worn off slightly as the Skyhawks have been in the top 25 for five straight weeks.

When asked about the Skyhawks' ranking, junior starting center Billy Krause said, "Top ten is great but we're focused on where we'll be at the end of the season. This is the highest we've been but this is still our most important week. Beating SEMO is all we care about, not where we'll be ranked once we beat SEMO."

The Skyhawks will continue to push

### Sports Network's I-AA Poll

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Appalachian St.    | 8-1 |
| 2. Montana            | 7-1 |
| 3. Massachusetts      | 7-1 |
| 4. James Madison      | 7-1 |
| 5. North Dakota St.   | 7-1 |
| 6. Cal Poly           | 6-2 |
| 7. Youngstown St.     | 7-2 |
| 8. Illinois State     | 6-2 |
| 9. New Hampshire      | 6-2 |
| 10. UT Martin         | 7-1 |
| 11. Furman            | 6-3 |
| 12. Southern Illinois | 6-2 |
| 13. Hampton           | 8-1 |
| 14. Northern Iowa     | 5-3 |
| 15. Richmond          | 5-3 |
| 16. San Diego         | 8-0 |
| 17. Coastal Carolina  | 6-2 |
| 18. Harvard           | 6-1 |
| 19. Montana State     | 6-3 |
| 20. Eastern Illinois  | 5-4 |
| 21. Towson            | 6-2 |
| 22. Maine             | 5-3 |
| 23. Princeton         | 6-1 |
| 24. South Dakota St.  | 5-3 |
| 25. Portland St.      | 5-4 |

toward an OVC championship when they travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo. to play Southeast Missouri State, Sat. Nov. 4.

The Skyhawks' last regular season home game is against Eastern Kentucky Nov. 11.

They close out the regular season with a Nov. 18 game at familiar foe Murray State, coached by former Skyhawk head coach Matt Griffin.

## Former Skyhawk basketball star playing large role on German team

**Zane Gresback**  
Staff Writer

Former UTM basketball standout Jared Newson is putting his athletic ability on display overseas. Newson plays for the Leverkusen Bayer Giants of the Basketball Bundesliga (BBL) in Germany.

His picture is featured on his team's website banner. A clip of Newson performing a between-the-legs dunk in a German dunk contest can be seen on YouTube.

Newson is originally from Belleville, Ill. He attended Forest Park Community College in St. Louis before transferring to UTM in 2003.

He was second in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring this past season, averaging 18.8 points per game. He also picked up first team all-conference honors.

After graduation, Newson participated in the NBA's Summer League with the Memphis Grizzlies.

"European ball is very different," Newson said.

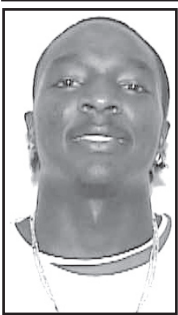
"It's way more physical and hard to drive to the hole because of the wide free throw lane and the help side with these big players. Europeans play with more fundamentals and they can all shoot."

Newson is still making adjustments to the European rules.

"If the ball is on the rim, you can smack it off and it's not goal tending," Newson said. "You have to put the ball on the floor first before you take a step or it's traveling."

Newson is not just adjusting to the different rules of the European game but to the cultural differences as well. Playing with other Americans has made the change easier. Seven of Newson's teammates are from the United States.

Newson is averaging 9.6 points per game and 3.8 rebounds per game for his German team.



"It's all about playing my game. ... Now I have to make a name for myself on the international level."

~ Jared Newson

"My first four games were learning experiences and I didn't even score double figures but the last game I scored 22 points and had four steals," Newson said.

"With any new level it takes a minute to adjust but now it's all about applying what I have been learning and putting in the work."

Newson's ultimate goal is to play in the NBA but he wants to show that he can play at a high level in whatever league he is a part of.

"It's all about playing my game. I'm an athletic player that can play defense and score and now I have to make a name for myself on the international level," Newson said.

He will have a great opportunity to make a name for himself when he participates in his league's all-star break dunk contest in January.

"I have to put those first couple of games behind me and move forward," Newson said.

The 2006-07 Skyhawk basketball season tips off on Thursday when the women's team takes on Kentucky Wesleyan in an exhibition game at 6 p.m. at the Elam Center.

The men's team will play an exhibition game Mon., Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. against the Bethel Wildcats.



Strike: Continued from Cover

main entrances of the Goodyear plant. Workers have been put on a schedule which includes a four-hour shift out on the picket line. The strikers will not receive pay until the strike ends. However, beginning next week, the workers will receive a small stipend from the striker's assistance fund.

The fund comes from the USW and includes a \$100 stipend, a \$25 gas card to a local gas station and a \$75 food card at E.W. James & Sons.

For many workers on strike, this small bit of assistance is simply not enough, especially with the holidays right around the corner. Employees are seeking part-time jobs in order to relieve the financial burden caused by the strike.

"We can't buy gifts, we can't have family gatherings and we can't go anywhere," said Moore, who also questions the decision of the union to strike so close to the major holiday season.

Since the strike there have been no new negotiations between the USW and Goodyear. At press time Monday the only Goodyear official who is allowed to comment on the strike was unavailable for comment. There is no foreseeable end in sight for the employees on strike across the nation.

Elevator: Continued from Cover

procedure as a mandatory safety precaution for the Thompson Power repair workers.

"When repair workers are fixing an existing electrical problem, we have to turn the generators off to ensure their safety," said Nipp.

No injuries were reported because of the elevator's malfunctioning, but UTM students were a bit shaken by the incident.

Nipp also says that UTM spends about \$40,000 per year on elevator maintenance and upkeep and that elevator safety inspection companies — the current company being the Kone Company — check UTM elevators on a weekly basis

for any problems such as sensor adjustments and/or malfunctions.

"UTM takes care of all elevator maintenance problems promptly," said Nipp.

The associate director of UTM's Physical Plant, Brad Burkett, says that the Tennessee Division of Elevators conducts an annual evaluation of UTM elevators as well as elevators all over the state.

"UTM has always scored

high on elevator maintenance and safety," said Burkett.

Nipp says to prevent another elevator entrapment occurrence like the one last week, UTM will make sure that hired elevator inspectors follow a set procedure in elevator maintenance.

"We'll strictly enforce that contractors follow protocol," said Nipp.

Nipp says if students should find themselves in

a similar situation as last Tuesday, the following elevator safety tips should be followed: Remain calm; press the help/alarm button on the call box (located by the floor buttons) and wait for Public Safety to answer. This alarm, which is directly connected to Public Safety, will work during a power failure.

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Goals - UTM, Price, Krush, Behrens  
Saves - Cara Sullivan 4 (143)  
Records- UTM, 5-8-5

### MEN'S HOOPS

EXHIBITION VS. BETHEL

MONDAY, NOV. 6 7:30 P.M.

### VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 27  
Morehead State 3, UTM 1

Geautreau - 28 digs

Oct. 28  
EKU 3, UTM 0

Hollins - 19 kills, 11 digs

### GOLF

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7th place finish  
Team  
294-295-295... 884

Individual  
T-18 Trey McNeil 76-72-70 - 218  
T-22 Bradley Stevens 73-73-75 - 221  
T-39 Hunter Prescott 70-73-82 - 225

T-47 Robert Lents 75-77-74 - 226  
82. Wesley Stewart 82-79-76 - 237

### CROSS COUNTRY

OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT APSU

Men's 8K Run

1. Derrick Kenwright - 28:04 (45th overall)  
2. Paul Thames - 29:33 (53rd overall)  
3. Tyler Robertson - 30:44 (57th overall)  
4. Luke Richardson - 31:37 (60th overall)  
5. James Thomka - 33:25 (61st overall)  
6. Ben Stapp - 33:41 (62nd overall)

Women's 5K Run

1. Shannon Wall - 20:50 (43rd overall)

### WOMEN'S HOOPS

EXHIBITION VS. KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

THURSDAY, NOV. 2 6 P.M.

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